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In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants herewith amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for controlling a dynamic scale for processing mixed postal items having respectively different formats, said dynamic scale having a motor-driven conveyor for moving a postal item, in a dynamic operating mode, in succession with continuous movement through an entry region of the scale, a weighing pan, and a discharge region of the scale, said method comprising the steps of:

in said dynamic operating mode, supplying a piece of mail to said entry region of the scale at a predetermined regulated conveying speed which is independent of the format of the piece of mail, and conveying said piece of mail through said entry region of the scale to said weighing pan;

deactivating regulation of the conveying speed during a measuring time range while said postal item is conveyed without a stoppage through said weighing pan and obtaining a weight measurement of said postal item, thereby allowing said weight measurement to be obtained with said